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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to a pending Office Action, Paper No. 11, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 3, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1, 3-9, 11, 24, and 26-27 to read as follows. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of the claim amendments is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.

1. (Thrice amended) A ball comprising an outer skin, the outer skin including a first layer which includes a syntactic material that comprises a plurality of resilient spherical bodies dispersed in a matrix material.

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